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MORE HOUSING FOR MINERS

YOUTH AND ARMY TO FINISH HIGHWAY -- Borba, No 83. 7 Apr 49

Work on the Brotherhood and Unity Highway will be resumed within a few days. This year construction will be completed, and Zagreb and Belgrade will be linked by a modern concrete and asphalt highway. This year 240 Kilometers are to be built, or 200 percent more than during the last two years. Restaurants, two stations /kind not indicated/ at Spacva and Nova Gradiska, and garages with auto repair shops, telephone stations, and watchmen's huts will be built along the Highway.

The major ground preparation work will be done in April and May. A narrow-gauge rail line will be laid in April, and barracks will be built in April to house the workers who will arrive early in May, during which month 80,000 workers will be working on the Highway. The laying of asphalt pavement will be started in seven places in May.

Labor units of the Yugoslav Army have been doing preparatory work in all the new sections. Although the plan provided for a 6-hour day, they have been working 9-11 hours a day building barracks, kitchens, and camps to receive the expected workers. Army labor units are already producing building stone in seven quarries, and the sites are covered with building wood. Thousands of soldiers and Army officers will work on the Highway this year.

Great quantities of food, clothing, and shoes have been collected for the 200,000 workers expected this year: about 4 million kilograms of flour, 200,000 suits of clothes, 120,000 pairs of shoes, 40,000 blankets, and 50 million cigarettes. The Service of Workers' Supply also has opened 250 brigade kitchens, 80 mosques, and six bakeries capable of baking a total of 15,000 kilograms of bread. The Service has founded two farms for raising vegetables, pigs, and poultry.

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Most of the youth who will work on the Highway will come from rural areas. After their 7-hour working day they will go to school. Courses will be given to qualify them for heavy industry and mining and for farming and animal husbandry. Lectures will be given on the cooperative movement and on socialist reconstruction of rural areas. The literacy classes will have a teacher for every 20 illiterate youth.

A youth radio station has been set up on the Highway to link the workers on this 240-kilometer project and to keep them informed of the daily achievements of their fellow-workers.

Barracks for 40,000 youth and soldiers, the first shift of workers, are now being erected.

All sectors of the project will have dispensaries and dental clinics, baths, and wells. Eight private hospitals and three other large ones, with specialists in attendance, have been founded. The 60 physicians responsible for the health of the brigade workers will visit them with mobile X-ray equipment and inoculate them with BCG vaccine against tuberculosis.

MINERS' HOUSING HAS HIGH PRIORITY -- Borba, No 74, 28 Mar 49

This year 5,785 housing units for miners' families and about 8,540 units for single miners will be built at Yugoslav mines. This represents an increase of 90 percent over 1948. Most of them will be built at the larger mines, Kraka, Raza, Bor, Donja Lendava, and Velenje.

Other houses that were not completed last year will be finished during the 1949 building season.

The new apartments will be comfortable and roomy. Three types of buildings have been planned. Each apartment will have two rooms, kitchen, and bath. In general, they will be used for small families. Larger units will be temporarily partitioned off inside and adapted for housing single persons. Later they will be turned into housing for larger families.

A large number of stores, restaurants, clinics, and buildings for cultural purposes will be built within the communities. Parks, 12 boarding schools for apprentices, 22 schools, and 4 bakeries will be built in the communities this year.

The building of housing communities at mines and smelters was assigned priority immediately after heavy industry in the Order on Fulfillment of the Plan for Construction Projects in 1949.

YOUTH BRIGADES BUILD NEW BELGRADE -- Borba, No 82, 6 Apr 49

Thirty-four youth brigades from all parts of Yugoslavia have started work on various Belgrade construction projects. This year many large projects in New Belgrade that were started last year will be completed, and construction will begin on a new housing development in New Belgrade and on the student community. In the old part of Belgrade they will build housing, athletic grounds, parks, streets, etc.

About 7,000 of the youth who will work on the New Belgrade construction projects this year, instead of returning to their villages, will take employment in industry.

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